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For: A METHOD TO ADSORB AN ADSORBATE USING MODIFIED CARBONACEOUS MATERIAL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of this document is attached. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before expiration of the three-month period following filing of the RCE application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. *See* 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.


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It is believed that no fee is required to make this a complete and timely filing. However, if it is determined that a petition or fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 03-0060.

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